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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Patent Application of
KLAUS SCHUMACHER

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FILING DATE

Our records indicate that the above-identified application was forwarded to the Patent and Trademark Office on October 18, 2001. Past experience suggests that the application should have reached you within several days thereafter. The recently received filing receipt in this application indicates that it was not received until January 9, 2002, approximately three months late.

It is our understanding that this delay was caused by the manner in which the Patent and Trademark Office was processing mail as a result of the Anthrax problem. While we understand the delay in processing the mail, we do not understand why the application was not awarded the date when it actually arrived at the Patent and Trademark Office.

Reconsideration thereof is, therefore, most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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